

Past Simple or Past Continuous?

Patrick …… (sit) on the river bank when he ……. (see) a man floating in water.

It …….. (snow) heavily when we …….. (wake) up.

Brian ……. (decide) to go to the airport and wait for his friend to arrive.

I suddenly …… (realise) that I didn't know the house number.

I …… (wonder) what to doabout the situation when Tom ……. (give) me a sound advice.

While the teacher …… (explain) things, I …….. (look) out the window. Greg ……. (check) the messages on his phone. Alex …….. (draw) in his notebook. A few children …… (listen) to the teacher.

Everyone…….. (read) quietly when suddenly the door …… (open) and a complete stranger ……. (walk) in.

I …… (go) to Michael's house but he ……. (not be) in. His mother …….. (say) that had left earlier.

Two years ago they …….. (shut) down the factory.

She …… (promise) me not to report us to the police but ten minutes later I ……. (see) her talking to the police officer.

While I ……. (wonder) whether to buy the dress or not, someone else …… (come) and ……. (buy) it.

My dog …….. (attack) the postman as he ……. (put) the mail into the mail box.

A: When ……. You ……. (break) your leg? – B: I …… (fall) off the ladder when I …… (put) up the curtains.

The show …… (to be) about to start when somebody ……. (shout) »Fire!«

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We …….. (get) much sleep last night because the neighbours ……. (have) a noisy party.

I …….. (go) back home, when I …….. (hear) some footsteps behind me. I …….. (turn) round but I ……. (not see) anybody.

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